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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting on FOG, 4 October 1956, Beverly Hills Hotel, Los Angeles

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1. Those present were the following: Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Jr.

2. After a general suppliers' meeting on the same date, Mr. Bissell gathered the above persons together for a meeting on subject matter.

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3. Mr. Bissell stated that dependent on FOG is the possibility of a detachment's return to [redacted]. The detachment will be at half strength and base operations will be taken care of by detachment personnel. Only three aircraft would be returned with a minimum amount of flying, leaving most of the ground handling equipment in place. When a detachment is returned, Mr. Bissell stated, it would be done during the early part of November and if not to [redacted] it would go to [redacted] or to Albuquerque (as suggested by SAC, to another SAC base).

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4. Colonel Yancey reviewed SAC plans. Based on the assumption that as of 15 November Detachment C, now situated at [redacted] would deploy overseas on that date, SAC would move in the same number of personnel for 60 days training of [redacted] for the U-2 as nucleus complement for further squadron training. On or about 20 March, training would be complete. Whether SAC would then leave [redacted] on that date would be dependent on whether another base would be available. At the moment SAC is planning to have another base by 1 February, although its location is at present unknown. Tie-in contracts to PAK and preparations for such were (subsequently) made on 5 October. SAC training is at present identical to past training with the exception of more emphasis on instructor qualifications. SAC squadron strengths are to be 126, or, 66 airman and 60 officers. As of this date only seven personnel have been cleared.

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5. Conclusions reached through the airing of the above two paragraphs were that, if space problems set aside, SAC states it is incompatible to have a SAC detachment and AQUATONE personnel on the same base. Security is a part of the problem. In any event, a special briefing of base and Lockheed personnel is planned concerning the training of previous detachments. The SAC persons present voiced the strong disavowal of General LeMay on the absolute need for the separation of SAC and AQUATONE units at [redacted].

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USAF review(s) completed.

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25X1 6. Security: (a) Physical: Excluding the possibility that an AQUATONE detachment would remain at [] base Security would revert to SAC (Air Police) responsibility. (b) A cover story would be told to the SAC squadron.

25X1 7. Housekeeping at [] is to remain the same as arranged by Colonel []

25X1 8. Communications may present some problems if SAC and AQUATONE personnel remain at [] as SAC commo personnel would not be briefed on Agency procedures. Concerning equipment, [] made a firm agreement that all except one or two items would remain intact for 60 days or more - or as long as equipment is needed - with SA at [] but should be eventually returned to the Agency for disposition. SAC, of course, would furnish personnel for their commo requirements.

25X1 9. Mr. C. L. Johnson announced that by 15 November he would be able to assemble the U-2s and fly out from Bakersfield. Security considerations were discussed. 25X1

25X1 10. Mr. Bissell stated that if an AQUATONE detachment returned to [] and SAC had moved elsewhere we would not expect SAC to conduct a further training program; that is, Colonel Yancey would go with the SAC squadron. However, Colonel Yancey stated that SAC wants very much to get the squadron into [] by 15 November where a 60-day program could be run that would ordinarily take six months elsewhere. 25X1

25X1 11. SAC plans to move the preliminary elements of its detachment into [] on 20 October.

12. On 6 October the first SAC aircraft will arrive at [] 25X1

13. Action to be taken as a result of this meeting: Mr. Bissell indicated that he would take under consideration, notifying the individuals concerned by Wednesday, 10 October, the two following items:

25X1 a. Notify Colonel Yancey re whether an AQUATONE unit or personnel will remain at [] after 15 November. 25X1

b. Notify Mr. C. L. Johnson whether he may commence assembling the U-2s and fly out of Bakersfield by 15 November.

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